Kiong Nai language

Kiong Nai (or **Jiongnai**, <u>Chinese</u>: 炯奈 *jiǒngnài*) is a divergent <u>Hmongic (Miao)</u> language spoken in <u>Jinxiu County</u>, <u>Guangxi</u>, <u>China</u>. The speakers' <u>autonym</u> is pronounced [kjɔŋ˧ nai˧] or [kjaŋ˩ nɛ˩]; *kjɔŋ˧* means 'mountain', while *nai˧* means 'people' (Meng 2001:1). Mao & Li (2002) believe it to be most closely related to <u>She</u>.

Kiong Nai	
Jiongnai	
Native to	China
Region	Jinxiu County, Guangxi
Native speakers	1,100 (1999)[1]
Language family	Hmong–Mien ■ Hmongic 　■ She–Jiongnai 　　■ **Kiong Nai**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	pnu
Glottolog	jion1236 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/jion1236)[2]

Dialects

Mao & Li (2002) divide Jiongnai into two major dialects.

- **Longhua 龙华**, spoken in Longhua 龙华村 of Changdong Township 长垌乡
- **Liuxiang 六巷**, spoken in Liuxiang Township 六巷乡

Jiongnai is spoken in the following villages in 3 townships of <u>Jinxiu Yao Autonomous County</u>, Guangxi (Mao & Li 2002:1).

- *Liuxiang Township* 六巷乡: Liuxiang 六巷, Mengtou 门头, Dadeng 大凳, Huangsang 黄桑, Xincun 新村, Gupu 古蒲
- *Changdong Township* 长垌乡: Longhua 龙华, Nanzhou 南州, Dajing 大进
- *Luoxiang Township* 罗香乡: Zhanger 丈二, Liutuan 六团, Luodan 罗丹

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External links

- Longhua and Liuxiang Jiongnai basic lexicon at the Global Lexicostatistical Database (http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\hmo\hmo&first=0)

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